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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: FOOD EQUIPMENT FOR BAATH

PARTY HEADQUARTERS

1. IRAQI-YUGOSLAV DELEGATION VISITED USINT FEBRUARY 4TH

TO REPORT THAT THE HIGHER COMMITTEE ON BAATH PARTY

HEADQUARTERS PROJECT HAS DECIDED TO INVITE

QUALIFIED AMERICAN FIRMS TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO

SUPPLY ON A TURN-KEY BASIS ALL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

FOR KITCHENS, DINING ROOMS, SNACKBARS AND BANQUET

FACILITIES FOR NEW SIX STORY, MULTI-BUILDING HEAD-

QUARTERS IN BAGHDAD OF RULING BAATH POLITICAL PARTY.

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2. FOR FULL DETAILS OF EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES

NEEDED, INTERESTED AMERICAN FIRMS SHOULD CORRESPOND DIRECTLY WITH MR. KHALID HADID, CIVIL ENGINEER, MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING, HIGHER COMMITTEE ON PROJECT TO BUILD HEADQUARTERS OF THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE ARAB BAATH SOCIALIST PARTY, P.O.BOX 2340, TELEX 2282 IK (ANSWERBACK MABANAM), TELEPHONE 521-181, BAGHDAD, IRAQ. AMONG ITEMS REQUIRED ARE BANQUET ACCOMMODATIONS FOR 3,000, MAIN RESTAURANT FOR 600, SEVERAL SMALLER RESTAURANTS AND SNACKBARS WITH KITCHEN AND SUPPORT FACILITIES TO MATCH.

3. PROJECT IS BEING IMPLEMENTED IN JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN YUGOSLAV FIRM RAD ENGINEERING AND IRAQI GOVERNMENT MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING. GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ WILL PROVIDE FUNDING. DELEGATION WHICH CALLED ON US STRESSED THAT ONLY HIGHEST QUALITY EQUIPMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED. ALSO URGED THAT QUALIFIED US FIRMS IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY CABLE OR TELEX TO HIGHER COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 20, 1976 (WITH CATALOGS TO FOLLOW) AND BE PREPARED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO BAGHDAD IF INVITED TO DO SO.

4. COMMENT: BAATH PARTY HEADQUARTERS PROJECT IS ONE OF MOST PRESTIGIOUS CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN IN IRAQ, IS WIDELY BELIEVED TO BE ONLY MAJOR PROJECT IN IRAQ FUNDED ON COST PLUS BEST EFFORTS BASIS, RATHER THAN FIXED PRICE CONTRACT. PRICE OF FOOD EQUIPMENT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION. ABILITY TO DELIVER EQUIPMENT PROMPTLY WILL ENHANCE AMERICAN FIRMS CHANCES OF SUCCESS. SIGNED: T. PATRICK KILLOUGH, FIRST SECRETARY (COMMERCIAL), U.S. INTERESTS SECTION, EMBASSY OF BELGIUM, P.O.BOX 2447 ALWIYAH, BAGHDAD, IRAQ.
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